

CALIFORNIA BUDGET CRISIS 2011

WHAT IT MEANS FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES, CABRILLO, AND YOU

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

- California faces a budget deficit of over \$25 billion dollars.
- Governor Brown's proposal calls for roughly \$12.5 billion in spending cuts and \$12.5 billion in revenue via postponement of tax cuts subject to voter approval in June.
- The Governor needs two Republican votes from each the assembly and the senate to get the tax extension proposal on the June ballot. As of yet, he has not been successful in securing these votes.
- Under the Governor's budget proposal (if postponement tax extensions are put on the ballot and voters approve, probably the best-case scenario), California Community Colleges face a \$400 million reduction in base apportionment funds and a \$10 per unit fee increase, from \$26 to \$36. This cut translates into approximately 350,000 students statewide losing access to education.
- No one knows what will happen if the Governor's proposed tax extensions are not passed, but the impact on community colleges (and education in general) would likely be severe.
 - The Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) has recommended fee increases to \$66 per unit.
 - The LAO also recommends a 90-unit-cap for students and eliminating state subsidy for athletics to help solve the state's budget crisis without increasing taxes.

HOW WILL THIS BUDGET CRISIS AFFECT CABRILLO COLLEGE?

- Cabrillo has already eliminated some 300 course offerings and roughly \$8 million from its budget over the past three years.
- Should the proposed budget and postponement of tax cuts pass, Cabrillo College would be forced to cut some \$4 million from its annual budget.
- Should the proposed budget not pass, Cabrillo could face budget cuts as high as \$8 million. This would drastically reduce the number of students Cabrillo can serve.
 - \$8 million represents roughly 15% of the Cabrillo budget.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Remember that public education is funded by taxes of one kind or another. The state cannot cut tens of billions of dollars without impacting education.
- Contact your legislators (contact info on reverse) to let them know how you feel about community colleges, student fees, and the state budget.
- Ask legislators to support June ballot measures that would let voters decide whether or not to postpone tax cuts (if it's not too late).
- Spread the word! If educational institutions bear further severe cuts, the face of education will likely change drastically (at Monterey Peninsula College for instance, they have proposed eliminating Photography, Dance and Horticulture to deal with the current problems).

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